

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1181

Introduced by: Representatives Van Etten, Glenski, Heineman, Kraus, LaRue, McLaughlin, Novstrup, and Weems and Senators Kooistra, Abdallah, Dempster, Duniphan, Ham-Burr, and Kleven

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions related to the accreditation of
2 nonpublic schools.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 13-1-12.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-1-12.1. The South Dakota Board of Education shall ~~adopt~~ promulgate rules pursuant to
6 chapter 1-26 to establish standards for the classification and accreditation of schools within this
7 state, to establish standards for preparation of certified personnel, to set forth procedures for
8 determining the eligibility of school districts to receive state foundation aid effective January 1,
9 1997, to adopt policies and rules necessary to establish standards and procedures for
10 vocation-technical education, and to establish minimum curriculum requirements for all public
11 and nonpublic schools within the state. Any nonpublic school that has been accredited by the
12 North Central Association is deemed to be an accredited school in this state.

13 Section 2. That § 13-3-47 be amended to read as follows:

14 13-3-47. The secretary of the Department of Education ~~shall be~~ is responsible for the
15 classification and accreditation of all public and nonpublic schools ~~under the rules established~~



1 pursuant to § 13-1-12.1 and pursuant to rules promulgated by the South Dakota Board of
2 Education pursuant to chapter 1-26. The secretary, upon receipt of an application from a
3 nonpublic school requesting accreditation pursuant to § 13-1-12.1 and upon receipt of
4 documentation verifying that the school is accredited by the North Central Association, shall
5 certify the school as an accredited school in this state.